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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO SECRETARY TO VISIT CHILE

REF: SANTIAGO 424

1. DURING OUR MEETING ON JANURARY 25 (REFTEL), FOREIGN MINISTER RAISED THIS SUBJECT. HE SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME INDICATION THE SECRETARY MIGHT PLAN TRIPS TO SOME LATIN AMERICAN CAPITALS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MEETING OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS IN MEXICO. HE WANTED ME TO KNOW THAT HE WAS INSTRUCTING AMBASSADOR HEITMANN TO INFORM THE SECRETARY THAT, SHOULD THAT BE THE CASE, CHILE WOULD WELCOME A VISIT BY THE SECRETARY.

2. I SAID THERE HAD BEEN SOME PRESS SPECULATION ABOUT POSSIBLE TRIPS IN LATIN AMERICA BY THE SECRETARY IN CONNECTION WITH THE MFM AND OF COURSE THE SECRETARY HAS CONTINUING INTEREST IN VISITING LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS WHEN HIS SCHEDULE PERMITS. ON THE OTHER HAND, WHILE THE POSSIBILITIES OF SUCH VISITS ARE ALWAYS MORE OR LESS UNDER CONSIDERATION, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE NOTHING DEFINITE HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR SUCH VISITS AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, I THANKED THE FOREIGN MINISTER FOR HIS KIND INVITATION AND ASSURED HIM THAT I WOULD REPORT IT.

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